CIL project lagging behind schedule

2851. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects of the CIL which are lagging behind schedule and their percentage to the total projects as on 31st March, 1988;

(b) the total number of projects lagging behind due to the land disputes and their percentage to the total delayed projects with the same break up;

(c) the loss suffered by the CIL as a whole and its companies separatly due to the total delay and the delay due to the land disputes and their effect adding to the cost of coal on the same date; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Sixty projects out of 263 *i.e.* 22.8 per cent approximately, each costing Rupees 2 crores and more, are delayed as on 31-3-1988.

(b) Twenty four *i.e.* 40.00 per cent approximately of the delayed projects.

(c) The loss of coal production due to delay in implementing mining projects was not felt much in recent time as the overall demand of coal was met from the balance projects/existing mines. The demand projected by the consuming sectors did not materialise in full and the coal availability exceeded the demand in most of the cases.

(d) Various steps have been taken for implemonting the projects in time. Some of these are:

(i) Appointment of senior level officers incharge of these projects for its implementation;

(ii) Drawing of detailed construction schedules for constructing the projects;

(iii) Providing continuity of management by ensurng that Head(s) of the projects are not transferred without compelling reasons;

(iv) Speedy follow-up with State Governments for land acquisition matters;

(v) Regular follow-up with machinery manufacturers for timely supply of plant and equipment;

(vi) Preparation of long term equipment projections for advance ordering of long lead item of plant and machinery;

(vii) Holding regular meetings at various levels to review implementation of projects.

Additional Earnings of Coal India Limited due to Coal price rise

2852. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is effective price rise in different grades of coal as a result of the recent price hike;

(b) what will be the total amount which Coal India Limited will get during this financial year due to this price rise;

(c) what was the analysis of cost increase which has prompted Government in the price hike; and

(d) what is the profit/loss estimated by Coal India Limited for the year ending March, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) After the price revision effective from 1-1-1989, the pit-head prices of various grades of coking coal produced by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) vary from Rs. 280|- to Rs. 651|- per tonne as against a range between Rs. 246|- to Rs. 573|- per tonne earlier. For non-coking coal of grades A to G produced by CIL, prices vary from Rs. 460|- to Rs. 114|- per tonne as against Rs. 405|- to Rs. 100|- per tonne earlier. In addi-